

This firm is distinguished as the only one in the district which offered any discourtesy to the inspector, and that emanated from their office in St. Louis, not from the gentlemen at the mines.

Harry Lester, Superintendent.

#### THE DUTCH HOLLOW MINE.

This and the Birkner Coal Co's. mine are owned and worked by coal miners for their own benefit. They are both single-entry mines, like most of the mines about here. The Dutch Hollow Mine gives employment to 24 miners, and is connected underground with the Knecht shaft. Their air ways are large enough, but the volume of air was deficient.

The Birkner shaft is connected underground with the Pollock mine adjoining. There are about 15 miners at work, and the amount of air in circulation measures twice as much as that in the former place.

Edward Avery, President.

#### THE POLLOCK MINE.

This is another Birkner mine, employing about 10 miners, and connected with two adjoining mines underground. The works were closed at the time of the inspector's visit, and had been for several days.

#### MILLSTADT COAL CO., AND OTHERS,

At Millstadt, on the Cairo and St. Louis Narrow Gauge Railroad, there are several mines, that of the above company and of the Millstadt Union Co. being entirely new. The shafts of both have just been completed and the engines and machinery are being put in position preparatory to hoisting.

In addition to the foregoing there are four small mines operated, for local sales of coal, by John Behomann, John Crossman, Furham & Co., and the High Prairie Coal Co. These employ from 3 to 8 miners each for a part of the year only. At the two latter places the men were ordered out of their rooms until proper air courses were established, and steps were taken to secure second places of egress.

#### S. A. WISENBORN, HARMONY.

This station is on the Illinois and St. Louis Railroad, and the mine is a single-entry mine, employing about 50 men inside.

There was found an abundance of air, divided into three splits, and kept in circulation by furnace. I am not advised as to what they have done in regard to escapement shaft.

Samuel Daniels, Pit-boss.